

## **JASPER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting – April 1, 2014

The Jasper Redevelopment Commission met on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President John Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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| President John Bell              | present |
| Vice President John Schroeder    | present |
| Secretary John Kahle             | present |
| Member Andrew Seger              | absent  |
| Member Ray Howard                | present |
| Non-voting advisor Bernie Vogler | present |

Also Present:

Renee Kabrick - Commission's Attorney

Kathy Pfister – Recording Secretary

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice President John Schroeder made a motion to approve the Commission's minutes as presented from the March 4, 2014, Regular Meeting. Ray Howard seconded it. The motion carried 4-0.

### **ED CURTIN UPDATE**

City Attorney Kabrick drafted and forwarded a contract (a professional services agreement) to Ed Curtin, of CWC Latitudes. In reply, Mr. Curtin had some requested revisions that he received from his attorney. Attorney Kabrick told the board she will review the revisions, follow up with any disputed items, make any revisions agreed upon and, when finalized, will forward a copy to Mr. Curtin and the board.

### **UPDATE ON LAND PURCHASE OPTIONS FOR PARKLANDS TO THE SCHOOL**

President Bell opened a discussion in regards to amending the Commission's decision to offer a 10-year option to the Greater Jasper School Corporation to purchase 10 acres of The Parklands property. The Common Council was not in favor of the Redevelopment Commission's (RDC's) option, stating its reasoning as wanting to replenish the rainy day fund with the sale of the property instead of tying the money up over a possible 10-year time period.

President Bell read a prepared statement for the record, explaining that the RDC had a long and vigorous discussion regarding whether to sell the land outright, or to give the School a choice of purchasing the land as a 10-year option. Following much discussion on the topic, the RDC determined, with a majority vote, that the 10-year purchase option was the most flexible and best choice for both parties; the School and the City. President Bell expressed that public comments describing the RDC's vote as ridiculous were simply incorrect and unfair. Although the RDC stands by its vote, President Bell said the RDC agreed from the beginning to act in good faith with recommendations from the Council.

Attorney Kabrick said the purchase agreement is the first step to opening negotiations between the City and the school corporation. Attorney Kabrick advised the Commission that, when considering the purchase agreement for the school, the terms should include a clause ensuring that the golf cart path will remain available for use by residents when The Parklands opens.

Following more discussion, Secretary Kahle made a motion directing Attorney Kabrick to complete a purchase sale agreement for the Greater Jasper School Corporation, with the agreement stating collaborate use of the cart path by the City and the school and keeping all previous applicable terms as was earlier agreed upon. Ray Howard seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no more discussion at hand, a **motion** was made by Secretary Kahle and seconded by Vice President Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

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John Bell, President

ATTEST:

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John Kahle, Secretary